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***AN ACT CONCERNING OPERATION OF A TRUCK IN VIOLATION OF
A TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATION AND THE ISSUANCE OF
ENHANCED RECOGNITION NUMBER PLATES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-314 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 (a) Any person, firm or corporation [failing] that fails to comply
4 with any order made pursuant to any provision of this chapter shall be
5 fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than
6 thirty days or both, and shall be subject to the provisions of section 14-
7 111. [Any]

8 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, any person,
9 firm or corporation [failing] that fails to comply with any traffic control
10 signal, sign, marking or other device placed and maintained upon the
11 highway, or with any regulation adopted pursuant to any provision of
12 this chapter, by the State Traffic Commission or the traffic authority of
13 any city, town or borough shall be deemed to have committed an
14 infraction, if no other penalty is provided by law.

15 (c) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this
16 section while operating a truck, as defined in section 14-1, shall be
17 deemed to have committed an infraction, if no other penalty is
18 provided by law, unless such person (1) has obtained a permit
19 pursuant to section 14-270 which permits the operation of such truck
20 on such highway, or (2) presents evidence of an origin or destination of
21 such truck within a municipality through which such highway passes.

22 (d) Traveling at a greater rate of speed than is reasonable as
23 provided in section 14-218a shall not be deemed to be a failure to
24 comply with the provisions of this section but shall be deemed to be
25 the commission of an infraction within the provisions of said section
26 14-218a.

27 Sec. 2. Subdivision (74) of section 14-1 of the 2012 supplement to the
28 general statutes, as amended by section 37 of public act 10-110 and
29 section 61 of public act 11-213, is repealed and the following is
30 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2013*):

31 (74) "Registration number" means the identifying number, symbol
32 or letters, or [both] combination of such number, symbol or letters,
33 assigned by the commissioner to a motor vehicle;

34 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this section and
35 section 4 of this act:

36 (1) "Enhanced recognition number plate" means a general
37 distinguishing number plate on which is displayed a registration
38 number which contains a commonly recognized symbol that is
39 randomly assigned, which symbol may include, but need not be
40 limited to, a star, diamond or triangle;

41 (2) "Number plate" has the meaning provided in section 14-1 of the
42 general statutes, as amended by this act; and

43 (3) "Registration number" has the meaning provided in section 14-1
44 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

45 (b) Not later than November 1, 2012, the Commissioner of Motor
46 Vehicles shall design an enhanced recognition number plate, after
47 consultation with the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
48 Protection, to improve the ability of children and other individuals to
49 recall and describe to a law enforcement agency pursuant to an
50 investigation the registration number displayed on a number plate
51 observed by the child or individual. The commissioner shall issue such
52 enhanced recognition number plates pursuant to section 4 of this act.

53 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2013*) (a) The Commissioner of
54 Motor Vehicles shall issue enhanced recognition number plates for
55 new registrations and renewal registrations issued on and after
56 January 2, 2013, in accordance with a schedule established by the
57 commissioner in such quantities as the commissioner deems feasible
58 within the funds and personnel available. The commissioner shall
59 issue such enhanced recognition number plates for passenger,
60 combination and commercial registrations and other registrations for
61 which general distinguishing number plates are issued. Each enhanced
62 recognition number plate shall bear the words "Constitution State" and
63 "Connecticut". The commissioner shall issue two enhanced recognition
64 number plates for each registration. No enhanced recognition number
65 plates shall be required for any registration for which special number
66 plates are issued.

67 (b) No additional charge shall be made for the issuance of such new
68 or replacement enhanced recognition number plates pursuant to this
69 section.

70 (c) The owner or lessee of each registered motor vehicle who is
71 issued two enhanced recognition number plates by the Commissioner
72 of Motor Vehicles shall display such plates on such motor vehicle as
73 provided in section 14-18 of the general statutes. A violation of this
74 subsection shall be an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	14-314
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2013</i>	14-1(74)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2013</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To: (1) Clarify that operation of a truck on a highway where truck passage is prohibited constitutes an infraction, and establish a defense for such operation if the operator has a permit for such use or presents evidence of a destination or origin related to such highway, and (2) provide for the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to design and issue enhanced recognition number plates to replace existing number plates, other than special number plates, to enhance the ability of children and other individuals to assist in a law enforcement investigation of an abduction or other crime by better enabling the child or other individual to recall and describe the number plate of a suspect motor vehicle.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]